

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at Pear Tree Cottage Skirwith.

Present

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| Richard Stevens | Chairman |
| Martin Joyce | Newsletter Editor |
| Phyllis Rouston | Secretary |
| Martin Railton | Field Work/Research |
| Heather Edwards | Publicity |

Apologies

Mike Godfrey

Notes of the last meeting The notes were agreed a correct record.

1/09/08 Matters arising from the Notes

8/9/07 Transactions:- Martin R now has these papers and other items belonging to the group previously stored by Harry.

5/02/08 Summer Programme Visit to Vindolanda was a great success. The alternative travel arrangements proved popular and refunds and contributions to petrol were completed. The visit to Scordale Mine was cancelled due to bad weather but Frank Geicco will rescheduled it for next summer.

2/09/08 Treasurer's Report

Email from Mike 24/08/009;- "Current account stands at £4449.36 including CWAAS grant of £3468 and after paying North Pennines Archaeology £2037.45 for evaluation and fieldwork costs. I note that supper room hire has been put up to £30 for September (previously £25)."

3/09/08 Membership

4 new members joined following the Brackenber Dig.

4/09/08 Brackenber Research Excavations

Phase I of the training research excavation and geophysics took place during National Archaeology Week. A successful week which was enjoyed by the volunteers who appreciated the guidance and encouragement from NPA. The open day attracted around 30 people including Mark Brennand, County Archaeologist for Cumbria. Accounts of the week are in in the Autumn Newsletter and Martin R will report at the AGM. Martin J will write a short piece for the local press.

A request for funding for post excavation work e.g. processing environmental samples and expert consultation, is before Neighbourhood Forum and should be considered at their September meeting. Richard to follow up CWAAS has given a further grant of £3468. It is proposed that Phase 2 will take place during 2009 with a week of geophysics in the spring followed by a second week's evaluation during the two week Festival of British Archaeology July 18th-August 2nd.

Martin explained that he would have to re-apply for Scheduled Monument Consent and would be required to include a report of the first week and the proposals for the second week of excavation. CBA had asked him for an evaluation of Phase 1. Phyllis had had a message from CBA re future insurance needs but they have not yet phoned back.

5/09/08 Winter Programme 2008-2009

Details of the finalised programme have been sent to the committee, members (email), CLHF and Appleby TIC.

6/09/08 Purchase of a lap top

Martin J has purchased a lap top for his personal use. He will be happy for the group to borrow it.

6/09/08 Website

MartinJ has spent time over the summer designing a website which he had emailed to the committee but not everyone had been able to open it. He was able to use his new lap top to show the outline of the site, which was much approved. Martin then explained that we would need to select a domain name and decide on a host. There are a number to choose from with varying annual fees which may depend on the amount of traffic on the website. It was agreed that Martin should go ahead on these matters and that the committee would think about the aims of this website and what it might include for discussion at the next meeting. Neighbourhood Forum have been contacted to advise on possible sources of funding for purchasing relevant software.

7/0608 Conference 2009 Harry, who has indicated that he will continue to help in the planning the 2009 Conference e mailed a proposed programme. This was discussed and approved. Richard will contact Harry.

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9.30 Coffee

10.00 Introduction

10.10 An overview of the history 1100 – 1603.

10.30 Impact of Norman Conquest and the consequences: colonization, lordship and tenure

11.10 Break

11.30 The impact of Scottish raids, was it so bad? Where is the archaeological evidence?

12.10 Visible archaeology – churches, towers and castles

13.00 Lunch

13.40 Use of the land - medieval farming.

14.20 The Church and local society – priests, monks, and monastic granges

15.00 Tea

15.10 The archaeology – recent work at the nunnery at Armathwaite,

15.30 The archaeology – medieval Carlisle.

16.10 Questions and summing up

16.30 End

8/09/08 Communications

Phyllis had received notices of:- CLH F AGM and annual Conference which was circulated to members(email);

LDNPA National Heritage days;

List of talks from Dr H J Walker.

9/09/08 ANOB Committee Membership

Phyllis proposed that Liz Hawkins, membership secretary be invited to join the committee. All agreed that she should be asked.. (Following the meeting Phyllis spoke with her and she has agreed to join us.)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date and time of next meeting NB change of day

Thursday 27th November at Northgate Milburn at 7 30pm

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